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REMARKS

The grandparent US 6,576,245 of the referenced application discloses and claims a primary package containing an aqueous solution for parenteral administration and a process for manufacturing the package. The parent US 6,660,279 of the referenced application discloses and claims an improved method in the *treatment* of a thrombin-related condition.

The claims of the referenced application are directed to an improved method for *inhibiting* thrombin. Support is provided by the specification at page 1, lines 7-8 and at page 2, lines 1-3 where it is stated that the invention also relates to medical uses of the disclosed thrombin inhibition solutions. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced by the new claims.

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CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 19-32 are pending. Applicants submits that they are entitled to a patent for the claimed invention pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §101.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fee in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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